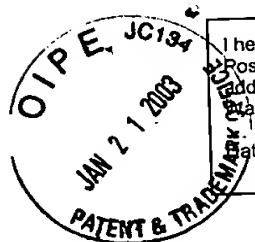


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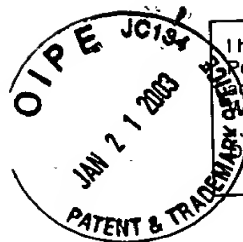
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In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph numbered [0086], starting on page 16, line 6 of the specification, with the below paragraph.

Q. [0086] The following polynucleotide sequences are representative sequences corresponding to HIV, HSV, HCV, influenza virus or RSV genomes or fragments of the genomes and are within the scope of the invention and some are referenced with the corresponding GenBank Accession Numbers: U23 (SEQ.ID.NO:1); AF041850: SHIV-HXBc2P 3.2, complete (SEQ.ID.NO:3); U12055: HIV-1, isolate LW12.3, lab worker, complete genome (SEQ.ID.NO:4); M76764: SHIV clone 1A11, complete genome (SEQ.ID.NO:5); NC_001433: Hepatitis C virus, complete genome (SEQ.ID.NO:6); AF290978: Hepatitis C virus isolate colonel complete genome (SEQ.ID.NO:7); NC_001798: Human herpesvirus 2, complete genome (SEQ.ID.NO:8); NC_001781: Human respiratory